

REMARKS

1. Claims 1-16 and 22-30 are allowed.
2. Claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.
3. Claims 17-19 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Roth et al (US Patent Pub. 2005/0001744 A1; "Roth").

With this Amendment, Claims 17, 18 and 21 have been amended for grammatical clarification.

With regard to the rejected claims, Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejected claims for reasons set forth below.

Applicant notes that Roth has a filing date that is subsequent to Applicant's filing date, and as such, is not a relevant disclosure for use in examining Applicant's claims. Roth claims priority to Provisional U.S. Application No. 60/429,559 ("Roth Provisional"). The Roth Provisional would be a relevant disclosure if it discloses subject matter pertinent to the claims of this application. However, the Roth Provisional is not relied on in the Office Action. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection to Claims 17-19 and 21 be withdrawn, in light of the fact that the rejections are based on a disclosure that is not relevant.

Applicant is submitting herewith an Information Disclosure Statement to the Roth Provisional.

For reasons stated above, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be helpful in any way, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

To the extent that an extension of time is required in connection with this amendment, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension of time.

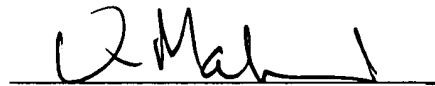
Authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account 50-1914 for any fee due in connection with this Response.

Respectfully submitted

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